

Nighttime Seatbelt Enforcement Operational Plan Checklist

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide an operational plan on how ABC police department will conduct a nighttime seatbelt enforcement emphasis.

Objectives

The objectives for this operational plan are to increase nighttime seatbelt use, and decrease fatalities and serious injury collisions during the nighttime hours.

Officers will take a zero-tolerance on the following:

1. Seatbelt and child restraint usage
2. Driving under the influence of intoxicants and/or drugs
3. Other traffic related violations

Date, Time, and Location

- Include each date that you plan to conduct NTSBE.
- Include start and end time for each NTSBE.
- Include the location and time of the briefing (s) (start and end time).
- Include the NTSBE locations for each date and time.
- Include enforcement locations and what they were based on:
 - Local crash data
 - Traffic volumes
 - Available lighting

Required Personnel

- One supervisor per patrol (the supervisor may or may not be the highest ranking officer – this is the person responsible for the paperwork).
- Include one Observation Officers for each patrol.
- Include how many Contact Officers you plan to use for each patrol.
- If possible, have a DRE Officer available to provide assistance.
- Include how many Officers working the detail are SFST trained.

Equipment

- Include that each Contact Officer working the NTSBE will be working in full uniform.
- Include that they will be operating in their assigned patrol vehicle or on their assigned patrol motorcycle.
- Include how many PBTs you will be using for each detail.

Reporting

- Include that each Officer working NTSBE will complete the appropriate Emphasis Patrol Activity Log sheet.
- Include that the Supervisor working the detail will be responsible for compiling the statistics and forwarding them to the WTSC.

Safety

- Include that the locations will be carefully selected with many facets in mind, number one being officer safety.
- Include that locations will be selected where there is ample ambient lighting from street lamps. (Do not add lighting to the patrol location.)
- Consider having an escape route for the Observation Officer just in case a vehicle goes out of control.

Budget

- Provide a detailed explanation of the budget.
- The supervisor should compile a “lessons learned” report following the patrol where he/she details what happened and what they might do differently next time.

Enforcement Strategy

- Include that the NTSBE emphasis patrol will be a zero-tolerance emphasis patrol. Proper enforcement shall be taken on every violator contacted.
 - Based on previous research we can assume that we will find a greater prevalence of social deviance and criminal behavior, in addition to high risk driving behavior, among those who do not use seat belts.